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## BEAVER CREEK R. R. CONTRACT CLOSED

### BALTIMORE & OHIO HEAD OFFICES MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THIS FACT.

Baltimore, Md., Aug. 5.—Announcement was made at the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad offices here today that the contract for the construction of the Long York railroad, in north east Kentucky has been let to a construction company from Chicago. From a junction with the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad at the forks of Beaver Creek, in Floyd county, the road will be built to Weekburg, Knott county, a distance of 26 miles, and will reach a large area of coal lands. Work is expected to begin at once.

### NUMBER KILLED BY C. & O. TRAINS DECREASED.

As compared with the number of trains run, the volume of traffic and the increased mileage of railroads, the number of fatalities to passengers and employees during the past five years shows a decrease which is very gratifying to the carriers. This decrease, to a large degree, is attributable to the strenuous campaign for "Safety First" which the railroads have prosecuted. The most numerous class of railway casualties however, fatalities to trespassers, continues to assume figures which may well furnish food for thought. In the year 1914 the latest for which complete figures are available, 5,471 trespassers were killed in the United States and more than 6,000 were injured. Apparently the more trains that are run and the more risk that is incurred the more people there are who insist upon walking tracks and stealing rides on trains.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Co. has during the past year been especially energetic in its efforts to reduce the number of trespassers killed on its lines. In spite of sign boards, bulletins posted in stations and other means which it has taken to induce the public to protect itself, from figures which have just been compiled by that company it is found that during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 1916, eighty-five persons, including men, women and children were killed while using the company's property as a highway or stealing rides on trains or engines. Of this number 23 were killed in the State of Virginia, 29 in West Virginia, 12 in Kentucky and two in Indiana. Despite the railway company's best efforts to prevent there being killed nearly one-third as many persons as the total killed in the United States and sailors in the war with Spain.

More than 53 percent of all railway fatalities have been caused by trespassing. During the past decade there have been passed many laws relating to the remaining 47 per cent and these laws are rigidly enforced and strictly observed by the railroads. There are not few states where there are anti-trespass laws affecting railway property and it is but rarely that we hear of a conviction for such an offense.

Contrary to the opinion generally held a large majority of the persons killed or injured while trespassing are not truants, but are reputable persons, residing in or near the localities where the accidents occurred. An especially pathetic feature in the large number of children who are killed or injured, frequently permanently disabled, by reason of what can only be called the gross negligence of parents or guardians. We are now in the midst of the vacation season and children should be cautioned particularly against walking on or about railroad property and especially against climbing on and off cars and engines, whether moving or stationary.

### JOHN GRANT DIES.

Mr. John Grant, of Catlettsburg, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Eugene Moore, in Russell. He had been failing in health for several months and about four weeks ago went to Russell to visit his daughters and his condition steadily grew worse until Thursday afternoon when he passed peacefully away surrounded by his wife and children and a few intimate friends.

Mr. Grant was a well known citizen of this section and spent the greater part of his life in Catlettsburg and was one of the finest and best mechanics this country has ever produced. He was born in Glasgow, Scotland, on Aug. 11, 1846, and came to this country when just budding into young manhood. He was married on April 12, 1877 to Miss Julia Ann Borders, of Catlettsburg, who with four children survive. The children are Mrs. Eugene Moore, of Russell, Ky., Mr. A. W. Grant and Robert Grant of Catlettsburg, and Mrs. Walter Walker, of Ashland. The funeral took place Saturday in Catlettsburg. Burial in Ashland cemetery.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES.

James Hargis, 25, to Ernie Shannon, 19, of Clifton.  
John A. Fletcher, 41, to Elizabeth Owens, 37, of Buchanan.  
Orville Hicks, 17, to Rachel Coffey, 15, of Hicksville.  
L. B. Hayes, 28, to Beulah Miller, 21, of Ledford.

Tom Drummond, aged 25, a motor-man for a coal company at Blair, W. Va., was killed in the mine at that place Saturday by a fall of slate. Drummond was on his way out of the mine when about 40 feet from the entrance the slate fell, crushing him under his car.

## CHAS. SAIYERS' DAUGHTER VICTIM OF ACID FIEND.

Mrs. Irene Solyer Little, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Salyer, natives of Louisa, was burned by carbolic acid thrown by an unknown person at East Liverpool, Ohio, last week. The following article in regard to the matter is from the Cincinnati Post:

East Liverpool, O., Aug. 7.—"You will not smile with your eyes much longer."

This, the fourth threatening note received by Mrs. Irma Little, caused her to leave East Liverpool for Atlantic City today.

When Mrs. Little answered the door bell last Monday, an unidentified man threw acid at her face. Mrs. Little jumped back and the acid went over her arm.

Then came a series of notes which have baffled the police.

The first was: "I am not thru with you yet." Then came two reading: "I'll get your pretty face next time," and "I'll get you yet."

The first three were put thru the mail slots of the Little apartments. The fourth was thrown over the transom into Mrs. Little's bedroom late Saturday.

Mrs. Little was near prostration when she left her home today.

Mrs. Little's apartments are in the Little building, owned by her husband. In the heart of the business district.

Police have kept a constant guard at the building since the first note. Mrs. Little's father, Salyers, Ambridge Pa., contractor, has offered a reward of \$500 for the capture of the person who is threatening his daughter.

### AN ASHLAND BOY DROWNS WHILE BATHING.

Ashland, Ky., Aug. 7.—Leroy Bulger, 17 years old, son of Herschel Bulger, was drowned in the Big Sandy river while with a camping party near Luckwood. Bulger was employed as call boy for the C. & O., and was at the camp of L. Gibson and family where he was spending his vacation. His body has been recovered.

### KENTUCKY WOMAN HELD

Olive Hill, Ky., August 8.—Robert Sparks and Mrs. James A. Day today were arrested at Enterprise, this county in connection with the death of James A. Day, Mrs. Day's husband.

Day became ill about two weeks ago and died Sunday. An autopsy showed, it is said, that he had been poisoned.

Mrs. Day is alleged to have said her husband ate poison she intended to take herself.

Sparks is charged with being an accessory.

### HARDIN SHORT SUE.

Lexington, Ky., Aug. 8.—Suit for \$5,000 damages and cost of medical attention in the sum of \$1,019.85 was brought in the Fayette county court by Aaron Pagra against Buford Allen and H. C. Short for injuries sustained when he was struck by an automobile driven by the defendant on March 29, last.

### DR. FULKERSON VERY ILL.

The condition of Dr. H. W. Fulkerson whose health has been failing for a year or more, has been very serious for several days. It was thought he had had a stroke of paralysis a few days ago, as he was unable to speak.

### TRAIN KILLS TWO PRESTONSBURG MEN

### YOUNG MEN LOSE THEIR LIVES ON TRACK NEAR HUNTINGTON.

Tona Pitts, age 20, and Joe Brannan, 23, were killed by a C. & O. passenger train near Huntington, W. Va., a few days ago. The bodies were badly mangled, and identification was difficult, but was finally accomplished by papers found in their clothing. They were walking on one of the railroad tracks and stepped over on the other to avoid a freight train that was coming toward them. A passenger train came up behind and caught them. Same old story. Happens every day.

The fathers of the two young men, living near Prestonsburg, Ky., were notified and went after the bodies. They said the boys were on their way to West Virginia coal fields to work.

### DEATH OF HARRY MARCUM

Harry Goble Marcum, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Marcum, died at his home in Catlettsburg Tuesday, aged 44 years after an illness of a few months. He was a cousin of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. O'Neal, Mrs. C. C. Hill, Miss Ruth Marcum and Mrs. Ella Hays, of this city. He is survived by his wife, his parents and one brother.

### BEN HESTON INJURED.

Ben Heston, a foreman for the National Contract Company at New Richmond, Ohio, fell from a derrick and was badly injured Monday evening. He was taken to a hospital at Cincinnati. His sisters-in-law, Misses Bettie and Annie Steens, were called there Tuesday on this account.

Dr. Jay W. Carter has a good oil well on his farm near Paducah, and another is being drilled. The leaseholders are F. B. Enlow and David Fox, of Huntington.

## RACE FOR APPELLATE JUDGE IN DOUBT

### KIRK AND SAMPSON BOTH CLAIM IT—FLEXIBLE RETURNS FROM ELEVENTH.

The warmest race in the State primaries last Saturday was for the Republican nomination for Appellate Judge from this, the Seventh district. The result is in doubt, with Kirk and Sampson both claiming it. A little more than 100 either way is the way the latest figures show. Willis ran third.

Lawrence county gave Kirk a plurality over Willis of 267 votes. Willis carried Boyd county by 893. Kirk carried Johnson county over Sampson by 1,004.

Judge J. M. Roberson, of Pikeville, is the Democratic nominee.

### FELL OVERBOARD AND WAS DROWNED.

Portsmouth, O., Aug. 4.—Capt James Runyon, proprietor of the Portsmouth-Rome packet, Mildred Runyon reported today that steamer's arrival here Thursday that a passenger had fallen overboard and was drowned at a point near Quincy, Ky.

All that is known of the victim is that his name was Jib Robbins. He boarded the boat at Quincy and paid passage to Portsmouth. He said he did not live at Quincy, but that his home was up the river. He was leaning against the forward fender of the boat when he lost his balance and fell into the water. Members of the crew gave the alarm and a yawl was quickly lowered and the boat backed to where the man disappeared below the surface but the search was fruitless.

Robbins is described as low heavy set and about 28 years old.

### TO THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOUISA

The City officials are criticised on account of the bad sidewalks. I want it understood by everybody that I am in favor of building good sidewalks and crossings any place they are needed, and will vote for it every time it comes up in the council, it makes no difference how closely related I am to any of the parties ordered to build sidewalks. It will not change my vote in the least, for I am in favor of improvements. At our July Meeting a number of sidewalks were ordered built, and at our August meeting D. J. Burchett, Jr., made a motion not to build any sidewalks this year and the motion carried. Dr. Ira Wellman and T. B. Bliffus voted to make the people build new sidewalks.

### R. L. VINSON, Mayor City Louisa.

### NEGRO KILLS FARMER

Matewan, W. Va., August 7.—Chas. Fields, 35 years old, farmer of Blackberry creek, Pike county, Kentucky, last night was shot and killed by an unidentified negro at the mines of the Alma Thacker Coal Company, in Kentucky. Fields was passing a miners shanty, when, without warning, a negro opened fire.

### A BOY MURDERS HIS FATHER.

An Ironton, O. paper says: John Gullion, aged 32, who was arrested in Huntington confessed killing his father, John Gullion Sr., on July 23, and led the officers to the blackberry patch on a high hill above Coal Grove, where the dead body of his father was discovered Friday morning.

The old man and his son lived on a house boat below Sheridan. He disappeared on July 23rd, and his son was suspected. According to the neighbors he had another son, named William in prison. A sister in Sciotoville, O., sent him money to help gain his son's freedom, and it was for this money, his son at home killed him.

On the morning of the tragedy, the father went to pick blackberries, and it is supposed the son followed and shot him four times with a rifle, claiming self defense.

The neighbors claim the son was always considered a bad actor.

### WILL MOVE TO LOUISA

J. K. Woods, of Tuscola, will move his family to Louisa and occupy Mrs. Martha V. Roberts' residence on Lock avenue. They come to town in hope that their children may have the benefit of the schools. They are nice people and we are glad to have such families in our midst.

Church services in Louisa Sunday were characterized by quality more than quantity. The Rev. L. E. McEl-downey did the preaching for the town, he being the only minister in the city. There is no regular pastor for the Christian church. Rev. Mr. Young of Rugsley Camp meeting, the Rev. Mr. Gough, of the Baptist Church, is holding two weeks' service at Glencoe not far from Covington, Ky. All the churches, however, had their usual Sunday School service. It might be well to say in this connection that the columns of the News are open to all Louisa pastors, as they have always been, for any church notice, regular or special. They should make use of this means of notifying the general public of any change in time of holding said services. Such information is regarded as news and no charge is made for its insertion.

## BODY OF DEAD MAN BURIED IN SAND.

Neal, W. Va., Aug. 1.—A murder that appears to have been committed several months ago came to light Monday when some boys who were fishing in the Big Sandy river at Nigger head, near this place, found a badly decomposed body buried in the sand beside a small stream that empties into Big Sandy at that place.

They found the body had been buried in the sand and that a recent freshet had washed off part of the sand, thus exposing the body to view. A careful examination showed that the skull was fractured in two places and that practically all marks of identification had been removed before the body was buried. A pocket knife and an empty purse were found in the pockets. The clothing had been fairly good and was dark in color. The hat was of brown felt and was found under the body which was stretched at full length. This in connection with the broken skull strengthens the theory of murder. The man was middle aged, 45 or 50 years, and probably weighed about 160 pounds.

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### ANOTHER BIG SANDY BOY MAKING GOOD.

Junior Lackey, of this city, has the distinction of being the only one of the office force of the Ohio River Contract Company, retained by the new companies which have taken over the work. The Ohio River Company failed and the jobs were taken over by McArthur Brothers and Mason and Hanger, two of the largest contracting firms in the country. There were offices at Evansville, Louisville and Cypress. Junior is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Q. Lackey, of this place.

### GIRL DIES AT BAPTISM

St. Clairsville, O., Aug. 8.—Excitement and the extreme heat are believed to have caused Miss Eula Forty, 14, of near Barnesville, to fall dead on the banks of Stillwater Creek, near Hendryburg while she awaited her turn to be immersed by Rev. Beavers, of the Salem M. E. Church. She was to have gone under the water next.

### THOUGHT IT WAS UNLOADED

Conney Foster, 22 years old, was shot through the neck at Ashland Saturday and cannot live. He charges that the shooting was done by Clarence McNamee, 20 years old. McNamee says "it was an accident and that he pointed the gun at Foster in fun, thinking it was not loaded. It happened in a downtown restaurant.

The Foster boys went to Ashland from Salyersville.

The gun used is said to have been the cause of the death of a man in Magoffin county several years ago.

### MINER DIES AT HOSPITAL

Morgan Biers the Auxier, Ky., mine worker who was taken to a hospital in Ironton Wednesday afternoon in a hopeless condition suffering from toxic gastritis died at 10 o'clock Thursday evening and his body was shipped to his home for interment.

### FELL FROM SCAFFOLD.

George W. Hale fell from a scaffold in the public school building Thursday and severely injured his back and one arm. He was repairing the plastering on the ceiling.

The extent of his injuries have not yet been determined.

### COME TO LOUISA MONDAY, AUGUST 21

### IMPORTANT MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH COUNTY FAIR TO BE SETTLED

Aug. 21st is the day set to meet at the Court House in Louisa to complete the organization of the Fair Association. Everybody invited to come and take part. Some very important things will be before the association on that date, such as buying or renting fair grounds. I think everybody is interested in that, so come and have a say.

Let's organize a joint stock company and go at it right. So come to Louisa on Aug. 21st. Be there at 1 p. m. sharp and we will talk it over.

V. B. SHORTBRIDGE.

A cloudburst swept away 150 lives and \$3,000,000 worth of property in the Cabin Creek valley of West Virginia Wednesday of this week. 20,000 people are homeless. Whole villages were swept away by the torrent. The C. & O. railroads main line is damaged to the extent of hundreds of thousands of dollars. Coal river is also on a rampage.

Gov. Hatfield has sent soldiers and supplies into the stricken district.

### TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

The Lawrence County Teachers Association will meet at Fallsburg on Aug. 26, at Cordell Sept. 1, and at Richardson Sept. 8th.

Dr. D. J. Thompson and family were here from Wellsville Thursday.

Reuben Hart has been appointed postmaster at Peyton, Magoffin county.

Thud Lambert died of tuberculosis on July 24th, near Buchanan. He was 63 years old and leaves a wife and six children. Rev. Dawson conducted the funeral services.

## FIELDS WINS BY A LARGE MAJORITY

### CARRIES 18 OUT OF 19 COUNTIES IN THE NINTH DISTRICT.

The primaries in Kentucky last Tuesday resulted in the renomination of all the Congressmen by large majorities.

The vote by both parties was light almost everywhere.

Congressman W. J. Fields carried eighteen of the nineteen counties in the district. Rowan, the home of J. W. Riley, one of his opponents, gave the home man a majority of something over 100. Hiles lost his home county, Fields receiving nearly twice as many votes as he in Bracken, according to the reports.

In Lawrence county Fields received 528 votes, Hiles 58, Riley 36, giving Fields a majority over both of 534. Pennington, Republican, for Congress in this district, received 799 votes in Lawrence county; Kaah 178, Snedegar 26. Pennington has won in the district. He is a citizen of Carter county. This gives Carter both the nominees for Congress.

### TWO SERMONS THAT ARE WORTH REPORTING.

On Sunday July 30 in the court house there were delivered two sermons much above the ordinary in ability and delivery and which would have attracted attention anywhere.

The first of these was preached by Rev. L. E. McEl-downey, pastor of M. E. Church, South, who read as the morning lesson the last chapter of Malachi, in the second verse of which there is a hint of the subject which he selected for one of his best efforts. The readers of the News will find those words in that last chapter of the Old Testament.

His text proper was from the 9th to 14th verses of the 7th chapter of Revelation. Following a custom of Mr. McEl-downey's when he has more than one or two verses in his text, he reads but one verse, the 14th, informing his congregation that it would be well for them if they wanted to preserve the continuity of thought contained in all these verses, if they would when they went home read the remaining five. Following Mr. McEl-downey's habit the News will give but one verse which is as follows: "And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said unto me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." Then followed a sermon characterized by Mr. McEl-downey's. It bristled with apothem and fairly sparkled with epigrammatic sentences. These make a review of the sermon quite difficult for while listening to it one is apt to think so much of that which he gave them to think about that it becomes a difficult matter to do the subject justice. The minister's subject might well be said to have been as we think Mr. McEl-downey himself might have said it. Rags versus Righteousness. The filthiest rags humanity can wear become, when washed in the blood of the Lamb, not rags any longer, but robes—robes of righteousness and this was the keynote, the dominant idea, as it were, of his entire discourse. He also spoke in this connection of the healing power of the divine Master's hand. For instance, when the woman who had suffered so long before she had touched him of his garment, and upon whose flesh the fiery fingers of pain had made their cruel impressions, became healed at the touch of the Master's robe. Even should the News attempt to give a verbatim report of this, as well as of any other of the reverend gentleman's efforts, it would utterly fail should it attempt to give the intonations of his voice, and when he uses his tenderest tones in repeating what the Master said, it matters but little whether he uses some of the inimitable imagery of the Hebrew poet or to relate simple narrative of some of the incidents of the life of Jesus Christ as recorded by the evangelists or if he choose to tell us about the admonitions and advice of Paul in his letters to various churches, or when St. John on the isle of Patmos gave his wonderful visions to the world, it is all one and the same, there runs through them all the great idea of the salvation of man through a crucified Christ. It matters but little what the idea may be that he seeks to elaborate, somehow, somehow, the idea of the salvation of man prevails no matter how filthy his rags might have been, the "blood" changes them to robes of righteousness.

And the News is lead to speak of another characteristic of Mr. McEl-downey's pulpit efforts, and that is the amazing facility with which he can apply his exceedingly descriptive descriptive to anything that he wishes to talk about or has under consideration. Some have called these descriptive "synonyms." Such is not the case. In a word, synonym means for the same meaning when applied to words, but when Mr. McEl-downey in a burst of eloquence turns his vocabulary loose, if you listen well, you will find that very few of them mean the same thing. He is simply rich in words, which describe some quality pertaining to that upon which he is talking.

The other of the two notable sermons referred to in the foregoing was the excellent discourse delivered on Sunday night by Rev. F. F. Shannon. He read for his scriptural lesson a part of the 8th chapter of Romans, beginning with the 14th verse and

concluding with the last. Consciously or unconsciously when he read this lesson, Mr. Shannon put enough emphasis, or feeling, if you prefer that word, to bring to the attentive hearers the fact that he had chosen the last two verses of the chapter for the base of his sermon. "For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers nor things present, nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Jesus Christ, our Lord."

Almost at the outset of this discourse Mr. Shannon said that one to fully comprehend the progressive beauty and grandeur of this chapter should read the 7th chapter and coming upon the 8th chapter, it was like entering from the jungle upon the high, broad table land, upon which by the distinct gradations, you reach the summit, you could turn your gaze backward and comprehend the rich beauty of it all. And indeed more than one who heard Sunday night's sermon has tried the experiment of re-reading, if they had once before read it, and then perusing the 8th, and these readers have found new beauty and fuller and deeper truths than they had thought that the grand old chapter contained. It is well to notice some of the things which the apostle says could not separate us or him from the love of God: "Death, life, angels, principalities, powers, things present, nor things to come," and then he continues until the climax is reached: "Nor height nor depth, nor any other creature." Notice the word creature. Mr. Shannon gave it a reading or meaning which probably half of his hearers had never heard before. He said the Greek rendering is creation, not creature, which is to say that if the great Creator of the universe should, in his wisdom, hereafter create something in the living or inanimate, which he has not created, that even these, whatever they might be, should not be able to separate us from the love of Christ. This Mr. Shannon considered the great climax of the apostle's sublime declaration. Mr. Shannon then took up and considered a few of these which the apostle declares were not able to separate from the love of God. For instance, death. Death had no terrors to the man who knew that very soon it must come to him by the behest of the Emperor. Who knew that daily, yes hourly, the trumpet of the executioner was called its victims to the headman's block and he knew not what minute his turn would come. But he knew also that his truth was in one, the mighty and willing Savior. Not only did death have no terrors, but there was no life that he could live that would be able to separate him from God or Christ. The allurements of the world, such as powers, principalities, dominions, had no temptation for him and could not separate him. In addition to its intellectual flavor and charm Mr. Shannon's sermon had the added merit of being delivered by a man whose clear cut pronunciation and enunciation made it pleasant to listen to. His voice far carrying and far-reaching makes it distinctly heard in almost any building despite miserable acoustics. Mr. Shannon has a custom which adds not a little to the attractiveness of his sermons. He is fond of poetry, being a critical and appreciative reader. When he finds something that he particularly likes and it bears upon the subject under discussion he quotes it at the proper time and does it very effectively.

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